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ROUTE DISPERSAL GUIDELINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of routes dispersal guidelines issued by the Government for better regulation of air transport services of different regions of the country;

(b) whether the air routes have been categorized;

(c) if so, whether all the private airlines are complying with the air routes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. As per Route Dispersal Guidelines all the operators are required to deploy in Category II (i.e. routes to/from/in North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshdaweep) at least 10% of the capacity deployed by them on routes in Category I (i.e. trunk routes) and of the capacaity thus required to be depoyed on Category II routes, at least 10% would be deployed on services or segments thereof operated exclusively within the North-Eastern region, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. Category I, II, IIA and III routes have been defined in the route dispersal guidelines. Category I routes are 12 trunk routes, Category II routes are those connecting stations in Noarth-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep, Category IIA routes are the routes exclusively within the North-Estern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep and the operator is also required to deploy in Category III, at least 50% of the capacity deployed on routes in Category I.

To provide better air connectivity, Government has also classified Cochin-Agatti-Cochin route as Category IIA.

(c) & (d) :- All scheduled operators who operate on Category I routes i.e. Air India, Jet Airways, JetLite, Air Deccan, Kingfisher Airlines, Spicejet, Go Air and IndiGo operate on Category II and IIA routes to meet the requirements of route dispersal guidelines. The compliance of the guidelines is monitored by Director General of Civil Aviation on monthly basis. Generally all the Airlines are meeting the requirement.